fulfilled : in 48 cases, export obligation condition was deleted by the concerned administrative Ministries or by Secretariat for Industrial Approvals. 9 cases of defaulters have been referred for enforcement-cum adjudication action. Out of the remaining cases, 19 are premature where export obligation period has not commenced. In 295 cases, show cause notices have been issued to Companies to explain why export obligation has not been fulfilled.

Import of Rifampicin

582. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commerce Ministry has issued licences for the manufacture of rifampicin intermediates indiscriminately;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these licences have been issued even though rifampicin is in the negative list and imports of intermediates, therefore, needs to be strictly monitored; and

(c) whether it is likely to affect adversely the indigenous manufactures of rifampicin ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (c) Commerce Ministry has not issued any licence for the import of rifampicin. However, Licences have been issued for import of intermediates for the manufacture of rifampicin on the recommendation of the concerned Administrative Ministry keeping in view the indigenous availability.

Grant of Special Import Licences

583. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have cleared all the proposals to grant special import licences to certain category of exporters in lieu of additional licence which was mooted by the Commerce Ministry in April, 1992; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) The detailed scheme for issue of Special Import Licences has been notified vide Public Notice No. 64/(PN)/92-97 dated the 21st October, 1992, a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library.

Decline in the Exports to US Markets

584. SHRI SHIVAJIRAO GIRIDHAR PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whehter it is a fact that Indian exports to US markets have reduced considerably and India is losing even the usual conventional products market like brassware and handicrafts;

(b) whether one of the reasons for this is our poor export promotion and marketing strategies; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to improve the exports to USA ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) :

(a) to (c) Indian exports (including handicrafts) to the USA since 1989-90 have been as follows :

Year	Total Export		Handicrafts Exports	
	Rs. Crores	$ Million	Rs. Crores	$ Million
1989-90	4474.38	2687.47	154.50	92.80
1990-91	4795.52	2672.64	155.25	86.52
1991-92	7198.53	2920.06	205.32	83.29